

regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(3) The Commission may, without regard to the civil service laws and regulations, appoint and terminate such personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to perform its duties.

The Commission may fix the compensation of the personnel of the Commission without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code.

relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates.

(4) Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(5) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate 30 days after the date on which the Commission submits its report under subsection (d).

(6) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the activities of the Commission.

(h) FUNDING.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to section 3101, not more than \$1,000,000 shall be available for the activities of the Commission under this section. Funds made available to the Commission under this section shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 3163. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING RELIABILITY AND

SAFETY OF REMAINING NUCLEAR FORCES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The United States is committed to proceeding with a robust, science-based stockpile stewardship program with

respect to production of nuclear weapons, and to maintaining nuclear weapons production capabilities and capacities, that are adequate.

(7) to ensure the safety, reliability, and performance of the United States nuclear arsenal; and

(8) to meet such changing national security requirements as may result from international developments or technical problems with nuclear warheads.

(2) The United States is committed to reestablishing and maintaining production facilities for nuclear weapons components at levels that are sufficient.

(9) to satisfy requirements for the safety, reliability, and performance of United States nuclear weapons; and

(10) to demonstrate and sustain production capabilities and capacities.

(11) The United States is committed to maintaining the nuclear weapons laboratories and protecting core weapons competencies.

(12) The United States is committed to ensuring rapid access to a new production source of tritium within the next decade, as it currently has no meaningful capability to produce tritium, a component that is essential to the performance of modern

nuclear weapons.

(13) The United States reserves the right, consistent with United States law, to resume underground nuclear testing to maintain confidence in the United States stockpile of nuclear weapons if warhead design flaws or aging of nuclear weapons